

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1085

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### As Passed House:

January 29, 2007

**Title:** An act relating to long-term care insurance plans offered by the public employees' benefits board.

**Brief Description:** Revising requirements for long-term care insurance plans offered by the public employees' benefits board.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Morrell, Bailey, Ericks, Dickerson, Cody, Sells, Linville, Blake, Moeller, Flannigan, Green, Miloscia, Pettigrew, Conway, Kagi, Appleton, Ormsby, Schual-Berke, B. Sullivan, Hudgins, Clibborn, Kenney, Wallace and Simpson.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Health Care & Wellness: 1/17/07, 1/22/07 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 1/29/07, 97-0.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Directs the Public Employees Benefit Board to develop a long-term care benefit for covered individuals.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Morrell, Vice Chair; Hinkle, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barlow, Campbell, Condotta, Curtis, Green, Moeller, Pedersen and Seaquist.

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

### Background:

The Public Employees Benefit Board offers long-term care insurance plans to authorized enrollees. The coverage offered is designed by a technical advisory committee.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The Public Employees Benefit Board is given authority to make available one or more long-term care insurance plans to eligible employees, retired employees, and retired school employees as well as eligible dependents.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** (In Support) The Public Employees Benefit Board needs to offer covered workers and retirees access to long-term care insurance policies. Very few covered workers and retirees purchase these policies correctly. Current workers need to assume some financial responsibility for their own long-term care needs.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Morrell, prime sponsor; and Christine Khemis, Long-Term Care Financial Partners.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.